

Congratulations on being accepted to the 2024 WHO Radio Great Iowa Tractor Ride. We look forward to seeing you in Boone. We are excited about our partnership with Boone County Fairgrounds as well as the 2024 Host cities along the route (Stratford, Story City, Madrid, Alleman, Woodward, Pilot Mound). Below is plenty of information you will find useful as you plan your adventures toward Boone.

**SAFETY:** If you have been on the ride before, you know how important safety remains to the success of this event. If you are new, please, review your safety pledge before arriving on site. You can find the Safety Pledge on the Tractor Ride website at <https://whoradio.iheart.com/featured/tractor-ride-blog/>. Applications from people who violate the Safety Pledge will be denied for all future rides.

**REGISTRATION TIMES:** Registration will open at 12noon on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Registration will be held inside the Community Building on the Fairgrounds. Registration will stay open until 4pm. We look forward to seeing you and having you visit with all our great sponsors. **Don't forget to get your official WHO Tractor Ride T-shirt and Hat!**

**TRAILER PARKING:** We have a designated trailer parking area set aside at Boone County Fairgrounds. After unloading on Sunday, simply park your truck and trailer in one of the designated areas north of the Grandstand in the Pit Area or East end of the Fairgrounds in the Horse Arena (See attached map), and it will remain there throughout the ride. Security will not be provided on site; however, we have asked area law enforcement, business owners, and WHO Staff to keep an eye on the grounds while the trucks and trailers are parked there.

**LOADING DOCK:** We've secured a loading dock, if necessary, the loading dock is located at the Central Iowa Expo grounds (1827 217<sup>th</sup> Rd in Boone)

**SUNDAY NIGHT DRIVERS MEETING AND DINNER:** The Drivers meeting on Sunday night will begin at 5:30pm followed by dinner. Dinner is \$10/person and catered again by Iowa Outlaws BBQ and sponsored by the Iowa Farm Bureau. During this year's drivers meeting there will be an opportunity to hear from Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson along with ride director Scot Knock and WHO Farm Broadcaster Bob Quinn.

**WEEKDAY BREAKFAST:** We are super excited to again offer two different opportunities on the ride to have complimentary free breakfast. On Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Boone County Fairgrounds will be hosting a Pancake breakfast fundraiser featuring pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. They have invited the public out to watch the Tractors rollout. This Free Will Donation breakfast will occur 6:30am-9:30am. On Tuesday morning the Boone High School FFA group will be hosting breakfast 6:30am-8:30am with a menu of assorted donuts/pastries from Dutch Oven Bakery in Boone.

**GROUP/GROUP #:** We have finalized Groups and Tractor numbers. Those group numbers have been posted on the WHO Tractor Ride website and Facebook pages. All groups have been assigned based on previous years and tractor speed. It is important that you always stay with your group and keep up with your group leader's speed throughout the route to keep the ride moving efficiently.

**MONDAY ROUTE:** We are excited to have finalized our routes. Monday will take us up north to Stratford and a morning pit-stop at the United Coop in Stratford. The Webster City High School FFA will be providing snacks/drinks for a free will donation before rolling into Story City where lunch will again be catered by our friends from the 2023 ride Spanky's out of Tama. Lunch will also be a free will donation. We will travel back towards Boone with an afternoon stop at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church. The total miles travelled on Monday is right around 64 miles.

**TUESDAY ROUTE: Note: Tuesday route is long but very scenic. Please be patient with us.** Tuesday will take us south of Boone to Madrid for our morning pit-stop at Eagles Ledge for snacks/drinks for a free will donation to support Tornado relief in Greenfield. After break we head into Alleman for lunch stop at North Polk High School, hosted by the North Polk FFA. After lunch we will head to Woodward for afternoon stop at Heartland Co-op before a beautiful scenic route thru Ledges State Park (Weather Permitting). The total miles travelled on Monday is right around 86 miles.

**WEDNESDAY ROUTE:** Wednesday we are excited to welcome Governor Reynolds on the ride as we begin a 41-mile morning ride, with a brief morning stop in Pilot Mound (at the Pilot Mound Community Center) before Lunch at our new friends Landus before heading back to Boone County Fairgrounds.

**EVENING BAR-B-Q's:** Please join us both Monday and Tuesday nights for great social gatherings and complimentary meals courtesy of Heartland Tire, Titan Tire and NOR-AM Cold Storage.

**ROLLOUT TIMES:** The WHO Tractor Ride blog has posted rollout times. Give these a quick study before the ride.

**IN CONCLUSION:**

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